



**CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS  
CENTER  
Joint Information System  
Report  
May 1, 2020**



**City of LA Departmental Public Information  
Developments:**

**Los Angeles Police Department (lapd.org)**

- Tracking social media for possible protests, including one scheduled on May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- As of 04/30, there were 34 total calls reported for the previous 24 hours:
  - 12 - medical-related
  - 2 - crime-related
  - 1 - grocery store-related
  - 19 - other
- Continue to track COVID instances, monitor business compliance, provide security at test sites, and facilitate transportation to COVID shelters.
- Assigned staffing for each 24 shelter centers and 8 test sites include:
  - 2 private security guards and 2 LAPD officers for each location.

**Los Angeles Fire Department (lafd.org/alerts)**

- LAFD overseeing MRC - (Medical Relief Center) for Non-COVID patients released from hospitals established at LA Convention Center - no patients currently
- Continue to monitor and track 911 and mass gathering calls related to COVID-19
- Continue operating 6 testing sites. Skid row testing began Monday, 4 RA's converted to UHRC mobile testing units
- Produced 28 Internal (18 of those external) videos on Fire Chief/UFLAC updates to members, Behavioral Health, COVID-19 policies and procedures, Drill Tower graduation, telemedicine launch, and COVID-19 Testing, What to Expect" LAFD supply chain. Continue to produce internal and external videos as needed.
- Regular Facebook Live and Instagram Live with Fire Chief on COVID-19
- Continue to fulfill media inquiries either outside City facilities with social distancing measures or remote video interviews with LAFD PIO's and Command Staff in English and Spanish

**Department of Transportation (<https://ladot.lacity.org/coronavirus>)**

- Providing support at testing sites
- Continuing with Adapt Program, increased street paving and bike lanes on Laurel Canyon Blvd.
- Continuing efforts for 7<sup>th</sup> Street Project for protected bike lanes.
- COVID-19 testing available now for transit drivers and ride share drivers. Recently announced franchised taxis are delivering food to seniors.

**Housing Community Investment and Development Los Angeles (<https://hcidla2.lacity.org/coronavirus-covid-19-updates>)**

- Received 450,000 applications for the Angelino Card and distribution is starting.
- Applicants have to go in-person to provide proof of income and identification. LAPD will be involved with security and enforcing social distancing measures.

- Distribution to 15,000 households. Should be wrapping up in the next couple of weeks.

#### **Port of LA** (<https://www.portoflosangeles.org/covid-19>)

- POLA Livestream: <https://www.youtube.com/user/ThePortofLosAngeles>
- Learn more about Logistics Victory LA: <https://www.portoflosangeles.org/covid-19>
- USNS Mercy: <http://www.mercy.navy.mil/>

#### **Department of Aging** (<https://aging.lacity.org/blog/covid-19-updates>)

- Updated Resources for Seniors and Other Vulnerable Angelenos: [https://disability.lacity.org/sites/g/files/wph581/f/a\\_ResourcesForSeniorsAndOtherVulnerableAngelenosDuringTheCoronavirusCrisis.pdf](https://disability.lacity.org/sites/g/files/wph581/f/a_ResourcesForSeniorsAndOtherVulnerableAngelenosDuringTheCoronavirusCrisis.pdf)
- As of the beginning of April 2020, seniors may sign up for meals by calling the Department of Aging at 213-482-7252.
- Meal service will be prioritized for seniors who are experiencing food insecurity, including financial hardship.

#### **Department on Disability** (<https://disability.lacity.org/coronavirus>)

- Advocacy Tools for older and dependent adults; individuals with disabilities and chronic conditions and caregivers; HIV: <https://disability.lacity.org/coronavirus-resources>

#### **Personnel Department** (<https://personnel.lacity.org/covid19/>)

The City of Los Angeles has deployed over 1,000 DSWs from nearly every City department to help provide and support LA Love. During this time, these employees show pride in their new roles and responsibilities which directly impact the lives of people who live, work, and play in the City of Los Angeles

(<https://personnel.lacity.org/dsw/>)

#### **Department of Public Works** (<https://dpw.lacity.org/>; <https://streetsla.lacity.org/>; <https://eng.lacity.org/>; <https://www.lacitysan.org/san/faces/home>; <http://laocb.org/>; <https://bca.lacity.org/>; <https://bsl.lacity.org/>)

The City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works consists of five bureaus and five offices. The Department continues to provide critical services and support the City's ongoing efforts during COVID-19. The Department remains dedicated to the public safety and health of all Angelenos, from our residents to our employees, and appreciates the continued patience and understanding of all.

##### **LA Sanitation and Environment**

- LA Sanitation and Environment has partnered with the YMCA to provide showers, bathrooms and locker rooms for unhoused individuals at nine YMCA facilities in the City.
- Temporarily offer free extra collection. Once your bin is emptied, you can refill it while our team is there, and they'll collect it again. This new service is free of charge to residents. It starts on Monday and lasts until the Safer at Home order is lifted. If you have any questions, call our Sanitation Department's 24-hour customer care center at 1-800-773-2489 or dial 3-1-1.
- Postponed: Earth Day LA Cancelled: Bulky item drop-off event on Saturday, April 11, 2020; All six Open House events; The Japanese Garden's bonsai event

##### **StreetsLA**

- StreetsLA has shifted street resurfacing projects and street sweeping to select high traffic streets and major commercial corridors to minimize impact on residential streets as more people are at home and vehicular traffic is less during this time. Over the weekend, StreetsLA completed street resurfacing work on 7th Street from Figueroa St. to Main St. in Downtown LA. More information on changes to their work plan are available at [StreetsLA.lacity.org/ADAPT](https://StreetsLA.lacity.org/ADAPT)
- StreetsLA, in partnership with Outfront JC Decaux, began the installation of hand sanitizing stations at heavily used bus stops. StreetsLA worked with farmers markets on social distancing and public safety

operational plans in order to remain open. More than 30 farmers markets plans within the City have been approved.

- Parking enforcement has been relaxed for posted street sweeping routes, but residents must comply with other, temporary parking restrictions for StreetsLA street resurfacing, sidewalk repairs, and tree trimming projects or they risk being ticketed or towed.

### **Bureau of Engineering**

- The Bureau of Engineering completed A Bridge Home shelter at the VA West Los Angeles Campus, which has capacity to house up to 50 homeless veterans.
- The Bureau of Engineering and LA Sanitation have assisted in the transport and provision of sanitary services, including the disinfecting and pumping out of septic tanks of 283 trailers from Hansen Dam to various sites. Overall 535 trailers were donated by the State of California to house patients.
- Engineering's Development Services Program is issuing permits and delivering all services via online applications or other electronic means such as email. For those few items that cannot be submitted electronically, customers can drop off materials for processing at specially designated Page 3 of 2 locations. Engineering is also now able to accept payment via electronic check. Please visit <https://eng.lacity.org> for more information on the special procedures in place, including dropoff locations, contact emails and phone numbers; and to apply for services online.

### **Bureau of Contract Administration**

- The Bureau of Contract Administration inspectors are visiting construction sites to ensure that social distancing is being practiced and protective equipment is being provided.

### **Bureau of Street Lighting**

- Bureau of Street Lighting crews continue their work to keep the streets of Los Angeles illuminated. In the last month, nearly 3,500 lights have been repaired. Street Lighting, in partnership with the DWP, is offering free electric vehicle charging through its electric vehicle chargers attached to streetlights in the City of Los Angeles.

### **Office of Community Beautification**

- The Office of Community Beautification teams continue to remove graffiti and conduct public right-of-way cleanups, but are currently not engaging community service workers for their own safety.

### **Recreation and Parks (<https://www.laparks.org/covid-19>)**

- Shelter Information: <https://www.laparks.org/covid-19/shelter>
  - COVID-19 Shelters
    - 22 are currently open. Specific locations, closed shelters and additional shelter information can be found in this website: <https://www.laparks.org/covid-19/shelter>
    - No Plan to open new shelters this week.

### **Department of Cultural Affairs**

The City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs has developed a list of resources to provide opportunities for art instruction, art experiences, and creative pursuits during this period of social distancing. In this list you will find arts and educational resources for kids and teens, virtual art experiences, professional resources for artists, mental health resources, and contact information for crucial local, state, national, and international Agencies.

- Artists Resource list

<https://culturela.org/programs-and-initiatives/arts-resources-during-covid-19/>

- Round 2 of Artist Emergency Fund begins Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

<https://culturela.org/grants-and-calls/aer-fund/>

- Art Campaign

- Will be featuring 14 artists. Goal is to create messaging with different backgrounds and colors to share with the public.
- The pilot program will be in the South end of the city. DCA identified two community orgs who will identify 14 artists. The goal is to create messaging, using the Mayor's language, along with representative images from the community.

#### **Los Angeles Zoo** (<https://www.lazoo.org/covid-19/>)

The safety and wellbeing of our guests, staff, volunteers, and animals are always our top priority. Out of an abundance of caution, the Zoo has suspended or cancelled the following events and activities until a future date: Spring Fling; Big Bunny Weekends at Spring Fling; Wildlife Weekends with LEGO; Family Nature Club; Sustainable Wine+Dinner Series: April and May; PBS SoCal Kids Weekend

#### **Department of Neighborhood Empowerment** (<https://empowerla.org/covid/>)

The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment continues rollout of a Virtual Governance Plan to support virtual public Neighborhood Council meetings beginning May 1. A dedicated webpage has been established with an overview, tools, and resources for this EmpowerLA Virtual Governance (EVG) program. Visit it at <http://EmpowerLA.org/EVG>.

The Neighborhood Councils continue to spend the \$5,000 emergency funds that each Council has. Many are spending their funds to support shelters for the unhoused or providing free meals to the public.

#### **Los Angeles Department of Water and Power** (<https://bit.ly/2zPB5Lg>)

- Trailer Operations are now ready for occupation.
- In house cloth masks and hand sanitizer was made and is being distributed to various City Departments.

#### **Los Angeles Public Library** (<https://www.lapl.org/coronavirus>)

- The library is delivering donated books to COVI-19 emergency shelters with our new Street Fleet vehicles.
- Librarians are offering online programming such as storytimes, book groups, etc, nearly every day of the week.
- InfoNow librarians continue to handle emailed questions from patrons from their homes.
- Thousands more people than usual have registered for digital library cards since the lockdown began and are availing themselves of library resources.
- Because the library is now fine free, staff worked to clear old overdue fines from the system, in the process unblocking library accounts for 60,000 patrons who can now utilize their cards for online resources.
- Ask a Librarian- <https://www.lapl.org/ask-a-librarian>
- Digital Services- <https://www.lapl.org/collections-resources/e-media>

#### **pLanning** (<https://planning.lacity.org/resources/p4la-covid-19>)

City Planning is supporting the economic growth of Los Angeles by providing employment opportunities for its communities through building, construction, and other services that staff provide residents and small businesses alike.

- Updated Appeal Filing Procedures; Updated Procedures on Public Hearings for Projects
- Public Order Governing the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages
- Modified Operations at the Development Services Centers

#### **Information Technology Agency- DOWNLOAD THE SHAKEALERT APP**

(<https://earthquake.lacity.org/shakealertla>)

- 3-1-1 has been seeing record numbers of calls
  - COVID-19 is not the #1 call
  - Lots of street pick up

- Zoom licenses and other technical support available
- Office hours only available for City Employees
- LA County Census information shows that City of Los Angeles has not been active in completing the Census
  - October 1, 2020 (new extension)
- Channel 35 continues to provide support to City Departments and initiatives and coverage of the Mayor's Press Conference through the Mayor's Facebook and Channel 35

### **Building and Safety**

Continues to enforce L.A. Building & Safety Announcement No.5 dated March 31, 2020, Topic - "COVID-19 SAFETY GUIDANCE FOR CONSTRUCTION SITES". These 13 guidelines are enforced on all residential and commercial construction sites. To date, no buildings or structures have been affected long term.

### **Key Updates**

#### **Key City Updates: Updated April 30, 2020**

- On Wednesday, 04/29, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti announced expanded testing for COVID-19, even for those who are asymptomatic. Individuals must register on the City testing website beforehand.
- On Tuesday, 04/28, Mayor Garcetti announced a deal with mask manufacturer Honeywell to procure 24 million N95 masks to distribute and sell to first responders and hospitals in need.
- Mayor Garcetti said in a press conference on 04/27 that LA City essential workers including delivery, ride hail drivers, taxi drivers, and journalists, can be tested for COVID-19 at a local testing sites.
- Mayor Garcetti announced the Emergency Senior Meals Response program to expand meals for seniors in need as they stay safer at home.

#### **Key California Updates: Updated April 30, 2020**

- On Wednesday, 04/29, Riverside County extended its stay-at-home order until 06/19.
- Governor Newsom released a 4-stage plan to transition California out of COVID19 closures.
  - STAGE 1 (Current Stage): Safety and Preparedness Goal: Making work as safe as possible for those on the front line
  - STAGE 2: Lower-risk workplaces reopen Goal: Creating opportunities for lower-risk sectors to make adaptations and reopen
  - STAGE 3: Higher-risk workplaces reopen Goal: Open higher-risk environments with adaptations and limits on the size of gatherings.
  - STAGE 4: Stay-at-home order ends Goal: Reopen the highest-risk workplaces.
- Six Bay Area Counties extended their stay at home order until the end of May; however, this includes "limited easing of lower risk activities".
- Governor Gavin Newsom on Friday, 04/24, announced a new partnership with FEMA and city and county officials to prepare and deliver meals to the state's seniors.
- Gov. Newsom announced hospitals can begin performing elective surgeries effective 04/26.
- Gov. Newsom has ordered medical examiners and coroners across the state to review autopsies dating back to December.
- California National Guard has prepared 14 Medical Support Teams to provide medical care and skilled nursing facility augmentation at several locations throughout the state. The first four teams have been mobilized to the assigned locations in Los Angeles County. Team Five is staged at Channel Islands and is prepared to mobilize on order.

#### **Key National Updates: Updated April 30, 2020**

- The White House plans to use the Defense Production Act to order meat and egg processing plants to stay open, and the government will provide additional protective gear for employees as well as guidance.
- The United States surpassed one million positive Coronavirus cases on 04/28.
- Stay-at-home orders in several states — Alabama, Arizona, Florida and Tennessee — are set to expire this week.

- In response to a White House COVID-19 Task Force statement made on Thursday, 04/23, medical professionals and the maker of Lysol urged the public not to consume cleaning products.
- The White House released a three-phased guidance document on re-opening and told Governors that they could begin reopening businesses, restaurants and other elements of daily life by 05/01 if they choose to do so.
- The U.S. Navy announced the first COVID-19 death of a sailor aboard the USS Roosevelt crew, currently in Guam.
- University of Washington's Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) model projected the number of American deaths from coronavirus has dropped dramatically due to social distancing adherence.
- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced a contract with General Motors to produce 30,000 ventilators under the Defense Production Act.

**Key Global Updates: Updated April 30, 2020**

- New Zealand came out of lockdown on 04/27